COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF A TYPE SPECIES FOR *BERYTUS* FABRICIUS, 1803 (INSECTA, HETEROPTERA). Z.N.(S.)2464

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The history of the generic names *Berytus* Fabricius, 1803 and *Berytinus* Kirkaldy, 1900 is clearly explained on pages 293–294 of the application by Mr W. R. Dolling (1985). I believe, however, that the publication of my monograph (Péricart, 1984), which is intended as a definitive reference work, has introduced a new situation.

2. My monograph gives careful attention to nomenclature. The family name BERYTIDAE has been retained, for the same reasons as given by Dolling. The generic name *Berytinus* (type species *Cimex clavipes* Fabricius, 1775) is used, as done by Stichel (1957) and Southwood & Leston (1959), the name *Berytus* (type species *Cimex tipularius* Linnaeus, 1758) being considered as a junior objective synonym of *Neides* Latreille, 1802. The name *Lizinus* Mulsant & Rey, 1870 (type species *Berytus montivagus* Meyer-Dür, 1841) is used at the subgeneric level, with *Berytinellus* Stichel, 1957 as a junior synonym.

3. In order to maintain the stability of nomenclature, I recommend that the Commission select the second, not the fourth, of the possible solutions listed by Dolling (1985, p. 294). I therefore ask the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature:

(1) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the names:
  (a) *Berytinus* Kirkaldy, 1900 (gender masculine), type species by original designation *Cimex clavipes* Fabricius, 1775, and
  (b) *Neides* Latreille, 1802 (gender masculine), type species by subsequent designation by Latreille (1810) *Cimex tipularius* Linnaeus, 1758;

(2) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the names:
  (a) *clavipes* Fabricius, 1775, as published in the binomen *Cimex clavipes* (specific name of the type species of *Berytinus* Kirkaldy, 1900) and
  (b) *tipularius* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Cimex tipularius* (specific name of the type species of *Neides* Latreille, 1802);

(3) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic names in Zoology the name *Berytus* Fabricius, 1803, a junior objective synonym of *Neides* Latreille, 1802.

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At the time of publication of my request (*Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 42, pp. 293–295) for the designation of *Cimex clavipes* as the type-species of *Berytus*, I was not aware that Péricart's (1984) revision of the BERYTIDAE of the western Palaearctic region had been published. This book will undoubtedly be accepted as the standard work on the BERYTIDAE of the area for many years to come, and the course of action that I had originally advocated would result in a nomenclature at variance with Péricart's. Stability of nomenclature would be best served by placing the generic name *Berytinus* on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology, as requested by Péricart.

COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CONSERVATION OF *HATSCHEKIA* POCHE, 1902 (COPEPODA). Z.N.(S.)2390

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I am writing in support of this proposal. To anyone acquainted with the genus *Hatschekia* it is quite obvious that the change of its name at this stage would create a veritable havoc in the literature. Its more than 100 species are widespread throughout the oceans of the world, particularly in the tropical and subtropical areas. If anything, Dr Jones underestimates the presence of the genus (and its name) in the literature.

Dr Jones' proposal makes me wonder why I did not propose the same measure long ago. I am sure that all who deal with parasitic Copepoda, and with Copepoda in general, will support this proposal without reservation.